

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

More specifically, the present reciprocating cutting tool configured for orbital cutting includes a housing, a power source disposed in the housing, a main linkage connected to the power source and to a blade for driving the blade in a vertically reciprocating motion, a foot plate connected to the housing and including a portion in operational relationship to the blade, a swivel bracket connected to the foot plate and disposed to exert an orbital force to a rear edge of the blade. A plunger is secured within the housing and connected to the linkage for reciprocal reciprocating, pivotal and rotational movement, and has an end configured for receiving a blade. A selector mechanism for selecting between pivotal and rotational movement of the plunger, wherein pivotal movement relates to orbital blade motion and rotational movement relates to scrolling blade motion.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A lower end 68 of the plunger 40 is fitted with a blade clamp 70, configured for releasably retaining the blade 26. Thus, during operation, reciprocal

reciprocating action of the plunger 40 will cyclically push the blade 26 below a plane defined by the foot plate 22 for cutting action on a work piece (not shown).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring now to FIGs. 2B and 3, the foot plate 22 includes a generally planar floor 72 surrounded on three sides by a generally vertically projecting lip 74, and a generally centrally located, raised, open-bottomed archway portion 76. The archway portion 76 defines a chamber 78, and while other orientations are contemplated, is preferably axially aligned with the housing 12. A generally circular blade aperture 80 is defined in the floor 72 and is dimensioned to accommodate the full degree of reciprocal reciprocating and orbital movement of the blade 26 and the plunger 40. The blade aperture 80 is preferably located between a front end of the archway portion 76 and a forward-most portion of the vertically projecting lip 74. As such, the aperture 80 is in operational proximity to the blade 26. The foot plate 22 is preferably releasably secured to the lower end 20 of the housing 12. It will be appreciated that the construction of the foot plate 22, including the size, location and orientation of the raised archway portion 76 and/or the blade aperture 80 may vary to suit the application.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A swivel linkage, including a swivel bracket 82 is connected to the foot plate 22 and the housing 12 and is disposed to exert an orbital force to a rear edge 84 of the blade 26. More specifically, the foot plate 22 is located within the chamber 78 and is oriented to cyclically engage the rear edge 84 during ~~reciprocal~~reciprocating operation of the plunger 40 and exert an eccentric, orbital force upon the blade 26 subsequent to user control. This orbital movement is induced by contact by the pusher end 60 with the swivel bracket 82, described in further detail below. Thus, the pusher 58 is also part of the swivel linkage.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Due to the eccentric disposition of the axle bores 120, upon the ~~reciprocal~~reciprocating downward force exerted by the pusher end 60 on the rearwardly projecting tab 106, that force overcoming the biasing force of the spring clip 110, the roller 114 travels along an arc which intersects with the axis of reciprocation defined by the typical blade operation. As the roller 114 travels upward under the force of the pusher end 60, the roller engages and exerts a forward force against the rear blade edge 84, which in combination with the already vertical ~~reciprocal~~reciprocating movement, results in an

orbital blade motion. A peripheral groove 122 is provided to the roller 114 for more accurate location and rolling engagement with the rear blade edge 84. It will be seen from FIG. 3 that the swivel bracket 82 is configured to engage the blade 26 at a location which is generally coplanar with the foot plate 22.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Since the tool 10 is preferably configured for selective operation in scrolling, orbital or standard ~~reciprocal-reciprocating~~ blade movement modes, it is important that the swivel bracket 82 be disengageable from the rear blade edge 84 when the user opts for either scrolling or standard ~~reciprocal-reciprocating~~ blade operation. This disengagement is achieved by providing the foot plate 22 with a mounting arrangement configured so that the foot plate and the attached swivel bracket 82, are laterally slidable away from the blade 26.